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# William Weary, 'NYLS Finance Wizard' Dies

By Harry J. Katrichis  
and Greg Coburn

On Monday, May 30, 1977, William Joseph Weary, Secretary-Registrar Emeritus of NYLS died. Although he retired from his position as Secretary-Registrar of NYLS in late 1974, Dr. Weary was still active and interested in the school's affairs at the time of his passing. His very reason for being in New York at the time of his death was his desire, out of devotion to the school, to attend the commencement exercise in early June.

Dr. Weary was born and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania. He kept his age pretty much to himself, but he was believed to have been 82 years old at his death. He attended college rather late in his life, enrolling in St. John's College of Business Administration in 1927 as an evening student. Three years later, while still a student, he was appointed that school's Registrar. In 1931 he received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree, *cum laude*. In less than three years he became Acting Dean of St. John's and, in 1935, Dean of the College of Business Administration, which then had some 1,000 students, increasing by 1960 to 3,200, with a faculty of some 60 professors, and two campuses, in Brooklyn and Jamaica.

In June of 1962, Dr. Weary retired from his position at St. John's and headed for California to live with his sister. At this time NYLS was suffering from fiscal uncertainty. The school desperately needed a "businessman" who could balance its finances and start

the school back on the road to fiscal health. In the words of then Dean Daniel Gutman, the school "was not as stable as it could be". There was "lots wrong with the school".

Through the combined efforts of Judge Charles Froessel, Dr. John V. Thornton and Dean Gutman, Dr. Weary was sought out in California to return to New York to become Secretary-Registrar of NYLS. He began his new position in early 1963 and soon had the school out of serious financial trouble. As Dean Emeritus Gutman recalls, it was through his "tireless efforts, great cooperation and the integrity with which he performed his duties, and went beyond his duties, that the school was able to right itself". Dean Gutman also recalls that it was Dr. Weary who "set up the administrative workings of the school, purchasing necessary equipment, such as typewriters, where the

previous policy had been to send them like a watchdog. He delegated duties and expected them to be done, but he was always available to lend assistance.

The people he worked the closest with loved him the most. Included in this number is a group of dedicated women who were once known as Dr. Weary's "girls". Audrey Corke, Dorothy Corke, Ruth Block, Judy Gomperts and Geraldine Wenz all worked for Dr. Weary during his time here. In discussions with Audrey Corke about Dr. Weary, there emerges the character of a "real human being." Dr. Weary expected a great deal from his staff, but he allowed them to do

their work without standing over them like a watchdog. He delegated duties and expected them to be done, but he was always available to lend assistance.

## Shapiro Comments

Dean E. Donald Shapiro said, "I think it's a great loss to NYLS. Not many did more to help the law school, when it had great economic troubles, than Dr. Weary."

Dr. Weary was a man who had to be helpful. He had to be able to give of himself. That is why he ended his retirement to come to the aid of the law school. In 1975, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree as a reward for his devotion to the law school community. He had earlier received

an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree from St. John's University. He also shared his life in fraternal circles, including the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Elks. In 1972, the Vincentian Community of St. John's University conferred upon Dr. Weary affiliate membership.

Some students felt that Dr. Weary was gruff and abrupt at times. That may have been so, but he always used his best judgement and worked for the students' best interests. As Dr. Thornton recalls, he "had no patience with the student or teacher who gave less than his best, but was always ready to help those who used their abilities to the fullest".



Dr. William Weary

## The Class of 1977 Graduates

by George Schwarz

Before an SRO crowd, a jubilant group of 284 students graduated from NYLS at the eighty-fifth Commencement ceremonies held last month in the beautiful, though crowded, Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center.

As part of the ceremonies, the Walter Jeffords Award for Distinguished Writing was established in honor of Sylvester Smith, former ABA President, and trustee of NYLS. The award consists of cash amounts to be given to a faculty member and a student, in separate categories of competition.

Honorary degrees were conferred upon: Albert Sacks, Dean of Harvard Law School; Sen. Daniel Moynihan (Dem.-N.Y.); Hon. Howard Markey, Chief Judge of the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals; and Elizabeth Hughes Gosset, President of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

The main speech was given by Sacks, after an opening speech by Dr. John Thornton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and covered a wide range of topics from the new growth of the legal profession, to the increased attention given to *pro bono* work by attor-

neys.

He began by noting that as record numbers of people graduate law schools, young lawyers make up greater percentages of the legal profession. By 1980, said Sacks, between 33%-40% of the profession will have been admitted within the last decade.

He dismissed attempts by those who feel standards should be raised to admit fewer students, and indicated pride over the fact that law schools do not screen people for the profession the way medical schools screen people for medicine.

Turning to the access, or lack of it, that many have to lawyers, Sacks noted that prospects are good for the establishment of a Legal Services Corporation, and to have pre-paid legal service plans for those who do not qualify for the former.

He predicted expansion of legal services into new areas as more people gain access to lawyers. He emphasized that this is in line with the lawyers' traditional role as instruments of social change - and not weapons of the status quo.

He called for funding by

government of legal services as private sources dry up, and as an example cited the provision by Congress of legal fees in civil rights cases.

He closed by noting that

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## Placement Director Resigns

By Neal Greenfield

Robin Edwards, director of placement at New York Law School, has resigned effective June 21. She is now director of recruiting for a large law firm in Manhattan.

She resigned so quietly that many students did not know she was leaving until after she was gone. This, coupled with a report by a confidential source that there was friction between Ms. Edwards and the administration, led some to believe that she was asked to leave or resigned in protest.

### Edwards Has No Comment

Ms. Edwards was contacted at her new position but refused to make any comment either about the circumstances of her resignation or her performance as Placement Director at New York Law School, saying only, "It's best I not



Fred Fuller

Edwards, also 25, at approximately 9:30 P.M. on a weekday evening late last month. The burglar confronted Fuller and Miss Edwards in the kitchen, carrying a pipe in one hand and a firearm in the other.

The felon then tied Miss Edwards up and locked her in the bathroom. The burglar returned to Fuller, who was in the living room of the East 19th Street walk-up, and beat him about the head with the pipe, killing the student.

### Fiancee Heard Gunshots

Miss Edwards told police that she heard two gunshots while locked in the bathroom. There is

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Robin Edwards

partner of a law firm who happened to be a New York Law School graduate.

### Dean Praises Edwards

Dean Bearn praised Ms. Edwards' performance, saying that she did a very good job of organizing the placement office, publicizing the school and bringing recruiters and job offers in. Dean Bearn also said that the recruiting program would be expanded and a new placement director selected in a few weeks.

In discussing job placement, Dean Bearn noted that there was a mailing sent out to the class of '76 to find out how successful they have been finding jobs. As of this time 87% of that class said they had positions in the legal field which, according to Dean Bearn, is the national average for law schools.



# Alumni Tribute to Development Asst. Gomperts

By Alison Greene

The NYLS Alumni Association, Dean Shapiro and other guests paid tribute to Judy Gomperts on June 23rd for her outstanding contribution to NYLS and the growth of the NYLS Alumni Association.

A very special person is retiring from NYLS this month and the loss will be shared by students, faculty, alumni and administration alike. Judy Gomperts, officially titled "Administrative Assistant, Office of Development", has actually had a hand in almost every facet of NYLS since 1969.

Hired by the then Acting Dean, the Hon. Charles Fraessel, Mrs. Gomperts focused much of her attention on the development of the alumni association. She has

watched and nurtured the NYLS Alumni Association since that time and is proud that it has just attained the highest membership to date — over 1000 members.

Dean's Secretary

With the arrival of Dean



Judy Gomperts and Sylvia Garland

Shapiro in 1973, Judy became his secretary until the advent of the Office of Development and the arrival of Lucille Hillman.

Praising Miss Hillman, Judy said, "Working with Lucille was a labor of love." Now, she boasts, "the alumni are actively developing and proud to be associated with the growth of the school."

A great deal of the credit goes to Judy herself. She has worked actively with every President of the Alumni Association and has received only the highest praise from those who have worked with her. Sylvia Garland, Harry Ostrov, Judge Kapelman and others all honored and thanked her at her retirement luncheon, and she received compliment upon compliment from Dean Shapiro for her excellent work and dedication

to NYLS.

Hillman said "institutions are made of individuals — Judy Gomperts is that rare individual who has always surpassed doing just the job at hand. She has lived her job and she has loved the people around her and that includes, most especially, the students and alumni. She will be terribly missed."

Judy herself has mixed feelings about leaving but is looking forward to her retirement to Tampa, Florida. She said she would "miss the many, many friends whom I shall never forget" but has plans to start the first NYLS Alumni Association chapter

in Florida. Knowing Judy, it will be a huge success!

## Obituaries

Edward H. Burger, '08  
Melvin F. Early, '31  
Frederick Hamish, '13  
Jacob Kronick, '25  
Oscar S. Rosner, '18  
Fred K. Segal, '74  
Edgar M. Souza, '09  
Judge Jack Stanislaw, '29 (a former officer of the Alumni Association)  
Emil Wachtel, '30  
Charles J. Wallace, '17  
Sydney Weitzer, '27

## Students Serve as Govt. Interns

Several NYLS students have invested their summer months as legal interns with local courts and prosecutorial agencies.

Seven NYLS students are participating in the summer internship program in the office of United States Attorney Robert B. Fiske, Jr.

According to the New York Law Journal, the seven NYLS students were among 95 interns chosen from 650 applicants.

The Journal noted that Mr. Fiske began his career as a summer intern for the U.S. Attorney. It only stands to reason that one of our seven may follow Mr. Fiske's career path.

The participating NYLS students are: Mona Lipp, Cathy Marks, David B. Newman, Judith F. Kozolowski, Joanne H. Siegmund, Denise Davin and Marilyn Sager.

### Graham Serves Appellate Division

Jul Graham is one of two interns serving in the law assistant department of the Appellate Division, First Department. Graham was appointed by Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy, Jr., NYLS class of 1952.

Graham's duties include preparing drafts on motions and reports, assisting the review of orders, and observing the processing and argument of orders to show cause.

### Two N.Y. D.A. Interns

Two NYLS students are participating in an internship program in the office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

The students, Dewey Yee and EQUITAS editor Jonah Triebwasser, are assisting prosecutors in the investigation, trial and appeal of criminal cases.

### Five Work for Lefkowitz

Five NYLS students will spend six weeks this summer as interns in the office of New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.

Participating in the program are Dean Barnes, Deborah Helprin, SBA Treasurer John Reddy, Bella Weiss-Duckman and Hilda Jo Schneider.

## NYC M.E. Dies



Dr. Milton Helpert

HELPERT — Milton, M.D. New York Law School records with profound sadness the passing of Dr. Milton Helpert, LL.D., New York Law School, retired Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, whose long and distinguished career benefited all of New York's citizenry, and will continue to serve as a beacon in the field of jurisprudence for future generations. We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Helpert and the family on their tragic loss.

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## NYLS Gets New Prof

A former protege of NYLS Professor Myres McDougal is the most recent addition to the NYLS faculty for 1977-78. (See story, page 1, April 25, 1977 EQUITAS.)

Professor Lung-Chu Chen received an LL.B. *summa cum laude* from the National Taiwan University, an LL.M. from Northwestern University and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Yale.

Professor Chen comes to NYLS from his position as the senior research associate at Yale, where he was the co-author of many articles on human rights with Professor McDougal and Professor Harold Lasswell of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Professor Chen is married and the father of three children, Elinor McDougal Chen, Harold Chen and Esther Jean Chen.

— Jonah Triebwasser

## Duryea Raps TAP

ALBANY — Assembly Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea in a report to college and law school newspapers has severely criticized the tuition assistance program in New York saying, "The State's Tuition Assistance Program has been characterized by foul-ups, malfunctions and delays in its administration."

Duryea has prefiled corrective legislation for action during the 1977 legislative session (Bill A-769).

During the 1976 fall semester, the Higher Education Services Corporation experienced serious delays in processing up to one-half of student applications for financial assistance.

# News in Brief



Perry Duryea

## LSD Meeting Highlights

CHICAGO — The theme of this year's American Bar Association, Law Student Division meeting is "Something for Everyone." The highlight of the program to be held August 5-9 in Chicago, will be a trial technique seminar conducted by F. Lee Bailey and Richard Sprague. The three-hour program will include a lecture, mock trial, and a question-and-answer session.

Other programs are being planned on job placement, trial techniques, starting a law practice, "reverse discrimination" in law school admissions, energy law, and sports law. In addition to the division programs, law students will be admitted to all ABA annual

## Lexis Training Available

All students who can spare two hours for LEXIS training this summer are urged to sign up at the 9th floor desk for a convenient training session.

In general, the training sessions will be held Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. All sessions will be at least two hours in length and will allow students to solve actual problems as well as to learn the mechanical operation of LEXIS.

meeting programs. The Association's annual meeting is being held August 4-11 in Chicago.

EQUITAS' coverage of the convention will be supplied by reporter Harry J. Katrichis.

NYLS' SBA President Lindsay Rosenberg and LSD representative Wendy Grossman will also be in Chicago for the convention.

# Sacks and Thornton Address 1977 Graduation

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though lawyers are providing more services, including *pro bono* work, the delaying tactics used by lawyers are making the rules (e.g. civil procedure, evidence) resemble those that the codes were meant to replace.

He emphasized that lawyers should aim for justice as well as law.

## Thornton Speaks

In his opening statement, Thornton praised the graduating class as the best and brightest ever graduated from what Thornton termed, amid snickers by the graduates, as the "second-best" law school in the country, adding, "I twist history in deference to our guest."

# Student Murdered

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no indication at press-time that Fuller was wounded by the gunshots. According to a story by Judith Michaelson of the New York Post, Miss Edwards eventually freed herself, discovered Fuller's body and telephoned the authorities.

The homicide investigation is being conducted by Det. Peter Bombara of the first homicide zone. Det. Bombara was not available to EQUITAS for comment as we went to press.

A pall of grief and shocked disbelief fell over NYLS upon

Tracing part of the history of the school, he recounted NYLS Dean Chase's attempt to hire Charles Evans Hughes by offering him a percentage of the tuition. Hughes refused, but did teach here part-time while practicing law in New York.

Woodrow Wilson, who also taught here, later defeated Hughes for the presidency, but Hughes became Secretary of State after Warren Harding became President.

He closed by admonishing the graduates not to sever their connections with the school, but to enter a new phase and help the school in its continued growth.

Among the prizes awarded to graduates: the Trustee's prize for

the highest average went to Mary Beth Elliot (Day) and Fred Wistow (Evening).

James Tricarico, former Editor-in-Chief of EQUITAS, received three awards, including the Dean E. Donald Shapiro Award for Student Leadership; the New York Law Journal Award for Outstanding Journalistic Contribution; and the Franklyn Setaro Award for School Spirit and Service.

Other awards and certificates of merit went to members of the law review, moot court and the Phi Delta Phi fraternity, as well as the SBA.

The ceremonies were delayed by the late arrival of the dignitaries from a party at the Waldorf-Astoria. The galleries filled quickly with guests and arguments broke out over the available seats.

Following the graduation, Shapiro said arrangements would be made to secure another auditorium, possibly Avery Fisher Hall, also in Lincoln Center.

Despite the problems, professors emphasized that this was the

most-smoothly run graduation to date, in the streamlining of the ceremonies.

The students, who spent nearly an hour waiting in a side hallway on a hot staircase, complained little, carried on by the jubilation.

One professor remarked, "It's the last bit of heat they will have to take from this school."

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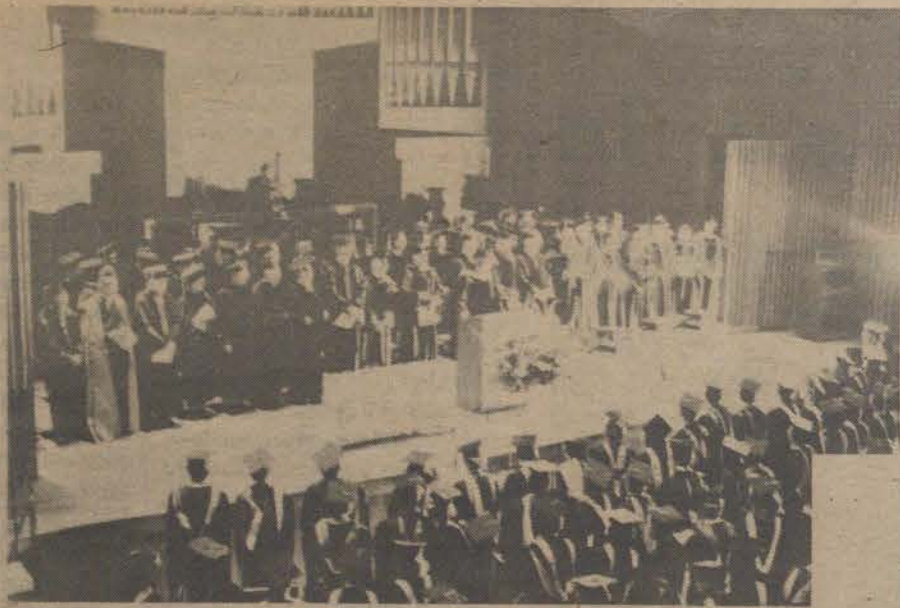
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## EDITORIALS

### Anyone For Volleyball?

During the last exam period, a professor entered the room in which her class' exam was being held, threw up a set of keys and asked in a loud voice whether any of the students cared to have a game of volleyball.

Reaction among the students varied. Some thought the professor was trying to relieve the tension of the test, while others expressed the belief that she had acted

out of a malicious motive. Most students interviewed said the incident had disrupted their train of thought and indicated annoyance that such an incident occurred.

The professor involved said that she was trying to relieve the tension of the test by making a joke.

We feel an examination is not a joking matter and that an apology is due those students who were adversely affected.

### Commencement

...was a joyous occasion, and our compliments go to Lucille Hillman, Director of Alumni Affairs, and to the many student ushers for the excellent job they did under especially trying circumstances.

We also salute "Colonel" Andrew Simak for his valiant efforts to corral our jubilant and boisterous graduates into some semblance of order for their procession.

Dean E. Donald Shapiro has announc-

ed that negotiations are now under way for a larger hall for future commencements. We strongly support this move. The Alice Tully hall is much too small for our purposes.

Many family members had to be left home due to the sparse seating of Alice Tully Hall and EQUITAS reporters observed no less than two "altercations" among parents battling for seats. A larger hall will avoid future black eyes and future disappointed relatives.

### The SBA Handbook

The Student Bar Association Handbook is the result of hard work and long hours by the committee members involved. We applaud their efforts and commend them highly for producing a most useful publication.

Unfortunately, the handbook has fallen victim to a common malady among publications - the malady of omission. [This is a malady which EQUITAS also succumbs to regularly.]

Omissions are felt more keenly by the omitted party than even distortion of facts; at least the recipient of the distortion knows that he or she has not been forgotten.

The particular omission we speak of was the failure to list Gil Hollander in the restaurant and law book sellers section.

Veteran NYLS students know that Gil supports this newspaper through advertising, supports the SBA through a percentage of his business and has donated free lunch scholarships to needy students. New students will find Gil's restaurant an oasis of relaxation in this madhouse of a law school.

It is true that Gil is a businessman; but Gil Hollander is a businessman with a heart and, as far as this newspaper is concerned, he has always been a true friend of the NYLS student.

We feel confident that the SBA's oversight was unintentional and will be rectified in the next handbook. We again wish to commend the committee members for a job that was, in all other respects, well done.

### Farewell To A Cherished Friend

EQUITAS joins the rest of the NYLS community in bidding farewell to Judy Gomperts, who retired June 30.

Judy will be sorely missed by all. In addition to her efficient administrative abilities and her warm, pleasant personality, Judy brought a deep devotion and

loyalty to NYLS and a genuine concern for the students.

Our nine year affair with Judy Gomperts is over, but the romance continues. All our best wishes to you, Judy. We love you.

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### Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Some of the -30- columns in the last issue of EQUITAS contained some rather disturbing comments about our school and its administration. The importance of publishing all opinions cannot be too highly regarded, but I think that much of what was said was very one sided and for the sake of fairness, another point of view should be presented.

Over my last three years at NYLS I have seen growth and progress which is quite remarkable when looked at as a whole. And, while I have said many times on these pages over the past three years that the administration is ultimately responsible for any problems that exist at NYLS, these same people must also be highly commended for the remarkable progress. Here is an incomplete list of some of these advances (all of which have occurred under Dean Shapiro's administration):

- A new building was acquired.
- The number of full time faculty has skyrocketed (16 new professors have been hired for the fall).
- The size of the library has substantially increased over the two floors it occupied only two years ago.
- The school has attained AALS accreditation - a feat it had not been able to do under prior administrations.
- New trustees have been named, many of whom are from very prominent educational institutions.
- A new bookstore and cafeteria are very well run by Gil Hollander (we had nothing more than a few food machines three years ago).
- Both a Placement Office and a Financial Aid Office have been set up.
- The library now has its own microfilm room and has been constantly increasing its film library, its viewers and its copiers.

- Most recently, NYLS became the first school in the metropolitan area to obtain computerized research in the form of LEXIS.

While these are only a few of the improvements which have occurred at NYLS over the past three years, they exemplify the strides made toward becoming a national law school. Dean Shapiro and Associate Dean Bearn, along with the rest of the administration (yes, this even includes Mr. Scanlon), suffer a grave injustice if they are only held responsible for the problems which have arisen at NYLS. In all fairness, they should be congratulated, and even thanked, for the many vast improvements that have occurred at our school during their administration.

Are there still problems at NYLS? Of course, and I am sure that the EQUITAS staff will actively investigate and expose these problems.

I submit this letter for publication after I have left the staff of EQUITAS and completed my three years at NYLS, because I want no one to accuse EQUITAS of being pro-administration and therefore not an objective observer. Nevertheless, now that I am no longer Editor, I, like everyone else, am entitled to my opinion, and I believe that credit must be given where it is due.

In closing, I would like to convey what I was told by a prominent member of the ABA re-evaluation team which came here one and a half years ago, when I asked him what he thought of NYLS (after he had asked me the same question); he said the school had vastly improved and that it was of national quality, but, that it would still take some time for its reputation to catch up with it.

Jim Tricarico '77

Editor's note: Mr. Tricarico is the former Editor in Chief of this newspaper.



## For the Record

## An Interview with Dean E. Donald Shapiro

with the Editor-in-Chief

**EQUITAS:** Dean, the alumni have referred to you as a miracle man, while the students have sometimes referred to you in terms that we cannot print in a family newspaper such as EQUITAS.

Where do you see your own role between those two extremes?

**DEAN SHAPIRO:** Obviously, I think that both are extremes. I see myself as doing a job to try to create a quality educational insti-

the editor of this newspaper and to the student in charge of the referendum, Harry J. Katrichis, that this calendar change was an administrative decision, and if 50% of each division, day and evening, of those voting, passed it, it would be mainly an administrative decision. Why did the faculty get involved?

**SHAPIRO:** I said that as far as the administration was concerned, it

Board of Trustees). That's a Board matter, that's not my matter.

**EQUITAS:** Do you feel that it's a proper thing for the students to know?

**SHAPIRO:** Again, I won't comment because it's not in my province. I think it's in Dr. Thornton's province.

**EQUITAS:** What is the prognosis for obtaining more space?

**SHAPIRO:** We desperately need it.

**EQUITAS:** This is true. What is being done to get new space for 1977-78?

**SHAPIRO:** We are actively involved in negotiations for acquiring, probably on a rental basis, new space.

**EQUITAS:** Any hope for September?

**SHAPIRO:** Yes.

**EQUITAS:** Would you care to comment on the recent passing of Dr. Milton Helpert, former chief medical examiner of the City of New York, who received an honorary degree from our school just

complained to the student newspaper that NYLS seems to hire young, inexperienced faculty, faculty who are themselves only a year or two out of law school and who have put in a year in a judicial clerkship or perhaps a year with a firm, and then come to teach here. How do you respond to that complaint?

**SHAPIRO:** That has been the traditional way that most good law schools have hired new faculty, from students with very high averages, from very good schools, that who have clerked or so forth. But they were not as productive as I'd like to take the 15 or 16 new faculty we've hired for next year. I think the overwhelming majority of that group have had extensive experience, because we realize that one of the problems has been the age balance and the experience balance of the faculty has been off, and now we're hiring those with extensive experience. To give you an example, Professor McDougal will be returning; he's taught extensively at Yale. Dean Foster will be coming; he's taught at Vanderbilt, at Yale, and at the University of South Carolina at Louisville. He is one of the most experienced law teachers in America in his area. He's a reporter to the UCC. Professor Sullivan has taught three years at the Univer-

faculty sought, at its last meeting, to abolish office hours?

**SHAPIRO:** Yes.

**EQUITAS:** What has happened in that respect?

**SHAPIRO:** There will be a joint faculty-student committee appointed to explore how to make faculty-student contacts greater, rather than lesser, which I think is the real aim of all. Even those who wanted to abolish office hours felt that the motive to do so was that they should be to foster faculty-student relations. However, I think, that at the end of the meeting, everyone agreed that the desire should be to increase these contacts to more than the minimum provided by the office hour arrangement we currently have, and to make the faculty more available.

**EQUITAS:** What chance would there be that grades will be posted this year?

**SHAPIRO:** That depends on what the faculty votes.

**EQUITAS:** What is your position on posting grades? Do you support the posting of grades or are you opposed?

**SHAPIRO:** I personally favor posting of grades, very strongly, however I look upon this as a faculty matter and I will enforce the faculty rule.

**EQUITAS:** "Affirmative action", which is sometimes referred to as affirmative discrimination or quota system, is the next topic. What is the NYLS policy in regard to quotas for admission?

**SHAPIRO:** We have no quotas, absolutely.

**EQUITAS:** Do we have any sort of "affirmative action" policy?



**SHAPIRO:** Yes.

**EQUITAS:** What is that policy?

**SHAPIRO:** The policy is to look at a student's entire background and take all factors into consideration when we judge the applicant.

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tution dedicated to excellence, and if you really do what you think is right, in every instance, you're going to make enemies almost every time you make a decision.

I consider the students' interest, I think, in every decision I make. I think the students are paramount in a law school...their interests. I don't always agree that the students know what their best interests are or else there would be no need for a dean or a faculty.

Many times when I think the students have gotten upset with certain decisions or policies that I have carried out...they're policies that have been laid down by the faculty or the board (of trustees) which I am carrying out.

**EQUITAS:** Dean, recently the student body in both evening and day divisions voted to change the school calendar. What is the status of the new calendar's adoption?

**SHAPIRO:** At the faculty meeting it was agreed that the final exams would be given before Christmas. The faculty also agreed that they should have a little bit more time between semesters to grade papers.

I appointed a joint faculty-student committee to deal with this. Mr. (Lindsay) Rosenberg, who is head of the SBA suggested that the spring vacation could be cut somewhat and the time between the semesters could be lengthened somewhat. I feel that it is very important that the students get out early, so that they can compete effectively in the job market, which I think puts our students at a disadvantage.

**EQUITAS:** Dean, you indicated to

was willing to go along with anything the students suggested, which I am.

The faculty also has a right, since the schedule, I think, concerns them, and I think that it's been worked out so that the faculty, the administration and the students were all happy.

**EQUITAS:** When will this new schedule go into effect?

**SHAPIRO:** It will go into effect for the year 1978-79, because there is a notice requirement, because we recruited students all over the country on the basis of our catalog which said 1977-78 and gave the old schedule. But we had to make a decision at the last faculty meeting in order to print our catalog.

**EQUITAS:** The school for the past two semesters has been conducting faculty evaluations. Will the results of those evaluations be released to the students?

**SHAPIRO:** No.

**EQUITAS:** Why not, sir?

**SHAPIRO:** It's a faculty rule.

**EQUITAS:** Do you support releasing results of the student evaluations to the students?

**SHAPIRO:** I won't comment on that.

**EQUITAS:** Other law schools make public, through their law school newspapers, their budgets. Will NYLS do that this year?

**SHAPIRO:** That's something you'll have to discuss with Dr. (John) Thornton (chairman of the

last year?

**SHAPIRO:** I feel very strongly on the passing of Dr. Helpert. He was a colleague. He taught with me for many years. He was a friend, and I think the greatest figure in forensic science in this century, if not of all time.

**EQUITAS:** On a lighter note, Judy Gomperts, the secretary of the Alumni Association, is retiring to Florida. We'd like to know your feelings on her departure.

**SHAPIRO:** I think this is a great loss to the law school. She's loved by the alumni, she's loved by the Dean, whose secretary she was, and I think she's loved and respected by all here. She's really been a wonderful person, who's helped in so many ways, cementing and really resurrecting alumni-school relations.

**EQUITAS:** Several students have



sity of Mississippi and then was asked to come up to Harvard to participate in the teachers' Humanities program. Professor Zupancic has taught in Canada, Yugoslavia and at Harvard. Professor Schroth has taught for 3 years at Southern Methodist University. We're not talking about law which we can't say with pride; these are good law schools.

**EQUITAS:** So even though this may have been a problem in the past, in the future you're seeking to hire more experienced faculty.

**SHAPIRO:** We hope to keep a balance, the proper balance.

**EQUITAS:** Is it true that the faculty wishes to unionize?

**SHAPIRO:** Some members of the faculty have indicated an interest in union activity.

**EQUITAS:** Is it also true that the



## SBA President's Message

By Lindsay Rosenberg



Looking ahead to the fall semester, the Student Bar Association has been actively planning programs and services to benefit all students. The fall semester's activities will commence with First Year Student Orientation in the middle of August. The chairperson of the Orientation Committee, John Reddy, needs volunteer upperclassmen to conduct tours of the school and lead small group discussions. If interested, either leave a message at the SBA office, mailbox, or on our new telephone answering machine. Also of interest to incoming students is the Student Advisement Program, currently in the planning stages. This program will provide first year students with ongoing counselling from upperclassmen.

After the success of last year's school-wide picnic, Oktoberfest, the SBA will sponsor the Second Annual New York Law School Picnic and Outing. Slated for either September 17 or 24, further details and ticket information will be forthcoming. All NYLS students, faculty, administration, alumni, and friends will be invited.

Also planned for the fall are movie programs, weekly or bimonthly wine and cheese parties with the faculty and administration, and the implementation of SBA Office Hours in the First Floor Lounge of 47 Worth Street.

Of particular interest to the graduating class of 1978, the location of commencement will be Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, with an approximate seating capacity of 2700, over twice the capacity of this past year's Alice Tully Hall commencement. Thanks to Dean Shapiro and Lucille Hillman on this lucky find.

There are many other items, programs, improvements, etc., that the SBA has been working on this summer, too numerous to include in this relatively small space. The SBA will be very visible this year, providing as many services to the students and to the school as possible. I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

REMEMBER, fall registration for upperclassmen will be in the last week of August, and all fees must be paid in advance of classes. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL 966-3500, ext. 22 and leave a message.



Reiner and Gatzka

## PDP Gets New Head

The Dwight Inn chapter of Phi Delta Phi recently initiated several new members. The initiation team included Prof. Franklynsetaro, Dwight Inn's faculty advisor, and the Hon. Charles Froessel.

Dwight Inn's Past Magister Gary Gatzka officiated at the solemn ceremonies.

Mr. Gatzka, as his last acts in the office of Magister, presented the newly elected Magister Gary Reiner the Charter of the Inn, and gave Dean Marshall Lippman the Ira Stone Professor of the Year Award.

Also elected to posts in the fraternity were: Jerry Weiss (Vice-Magister, Day), Gary Weil (Vice-Magister, Evening), Linda Frielich (Exchequer), Hyman Koral (Clerk) and Jonah Triebwasser (Historian). Prof. Franklyn Setaro acts as faculty advisor.

## ABA Stand on Quotas

CHICAGO — Justin A. Stanley, president of the American Bar Association, has said that law schools should include race, economic and educational background as relevant factors in admission policies.

But Stanley said the Association does not support a quota system which would require schools to admit a certain percentage of members of a certain race or class.

Writing in the *ABA Journal*, Stanley said the ABA intends to file a brief in a Supreme Court case testing constitutionality of a California medical school admissions program which gives separate and preferential treatment to "disadvantaged" minorities.

The ABA president pointed out that the case "presents important issues with potentially significant impact on law school admissions programs and on the future constitution of the legal profession."

### 1967 Study Cited

Stanley said a 1967 study by the ABA's Board of Governors found that "Negroes, Indians and Spanish-speaking citizens comprise about one-third of the population, but comprise only 1 to 2 percent of the nation's legal profession."

After the 1967 study the Association recognized that failure



Justin Stanley

to train adequate numbers of minority lawyers constituted a serious national problem, Stanley said.

Subsequently the ABA joined with several other organizations in establishing the Council on Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) to identify those with potential to become lawyers yet lacking traditional criteria.

## Salesperson Wanted

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## Interview with Dean Shapiro—Continued

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**EQUITAS:** Do you take "affirmative action" into consideration in the hiring of faculty?

**SHAPIRO:** We've hired no faculty who we do not think are the most competent for the positions we've hired them.

**EQUITAS:** Normally grades are supposed to be received by the students within three weeks after the last examination.

**SHAPIRO:** That's not true.

**EQUITAS:** What is the rule?

**SHAPIRO:** The rule is that we're to get the grades within three weeks of the examination or two weeks from the end of the examination period, whichever is longer, which means that within three weeks of the last examination all grades should be in, in fact, most of the grades should be in long before that.

**EQUITAS:** Is there any chance of speeding up the process?

**SHAPIRO:** I'm trying to get the process to work as it is, and I'm having some problems. I consider students getting timely grades to be an extremely important matter, and on that you can quote me. [Editor's note: As we go to press nearly six weeks after the last examination, all grades have not

been sent out]

**EQUITAS:** Would computerization of the grading procedure help any?

**SHAPIRO:** No.

**EQUITAS:** Dean Shapiro, you are now starting your fifth year at NYLS. What do you feel have been your major accomplishments so far and what would you like to accomplish in the future?

**SHAPIRO:** I think our major accomplishment has been to increase the size and quality of the faculty, increase the quality of the student body and broaden the curriculum.

When I came there was only a handful of electives. Now we have, I think, one of the best curriculums in the country.

There is greater faculty and student input into the administration process.

In the future, I'd like to see more and more stress on excellence. I now think we're a very good law school. I think it's much more difficult to go from an average school to a very good school than to go from a very good school to an excellent school, and I think that's where we must put our stress.

**EQUITAS:** Do you have any words of advice to the entering first year students on how to succeed at NYLS?

**SHAPIRO:** I think the study of law, as we both know, does not come through osmosis. It is not that difficult, but it does require steady, constant work. And you



can't do it all at the end of the semester. It has to become your top, foremost priority during your first year.

**EQUITAS:** Thank you, Dean.

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